*Alteration of timings of motor buses plying between Tivandrum and Nagercoil.*

69. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any change has been recently effected in the timings of motor buses that run for hire between Trivandrum and Nagercoil;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the changes effected and the date on which the new timings came into effect;

(*c*) whether the new timings have the effect of giving a monopoly of running buses to two companies; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the effect of the new timings on the convenience of the public in the matter of travelling along this line?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are in all 105 buses plying on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line. 49 buses of Messrs. The Pioneer Motor Service excepting the Anchal, the Post and its support, which run daily, have been given timings for the first day with 15 minutes interval. The remaining 10 buses of Messrs. The Pioneer Motor Service, 10 buses of the Union Bus Service and 30 buses of the Triumph Syndicate Motor Service, Ltd., Nagercoil, have been given timings for the second day, as all the buses could not be given timings the same day. Previously, timings were granted in blocks of not exceeding 3 buses with 10 minutes interval. The new timings came into force from the 28th Kanni 1107.

(*c*) No timings are available even now.

(*d*) The present number of buses running at intervals of 15 minutes meets all the convenience of the travelling public.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): May I know why this change was introduced? Before the change, the interval between two consecutive timings was 10 minutes. A change has now been brought about thereby giving a monopoly to the buses of one company to run from a certain time one day to the corresponding time the next day. Meanwhile the buses belonging to the other company are not to run but simply to be kept in their garages.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no monopoly, because timings *are* available even now.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Timings are *not* available now. The answer given is like that.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry it is a misprint. It ought to be "No. Timings *are* available even now", and not "No timings are available even now".

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): The Chief Secretary might have told it before. If timings are available, I wish to know whether they are available at midnight or during day time when people are awake?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether the Government do not realise that allowing the buses of one company only to run on particular days would entail great inconvenience to the travelling public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will call for a report from the Commissioner of Police in regard to the subject.

*Abolition of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Alwaye.*

70. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to abolish the Division First Class Magistrate's Court at Alwaye; and

(*b*) if so, their reasons for so doing, with a comparative reference to other similar First Class Magistrates' Courts in the State not now proposed to be abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question has not been considered by the Government so far.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

*Action on the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.*

71. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee was received by them; and

(*b*) the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken on it?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4th October, 1931.

(*b*) The Report has been sent to the Press for printing. Action on the Report will be taken as soon as it is received printed.

*Misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office.*

72. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar, B. A., B. L., clerk, Secretariat, is still (16-4-1107) under suspension;

(*b*) (i) whether they have ordered a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department for the whole period of Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar's term of office; and

(ii) if so, the result thereof;

(*c*) the date on which the Controller of Patents and Designs made his report of the misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office;

(*d*) whether they have considered the question of the responsibility of the Controller of Patents and Designs in the matter, and

(*e*) if the Controller is guilty of any dereliction of duty what action do the Government propose to take?



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